



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

April 4, 2017

The Honorable Eloise Reyes
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1330** (Reyes) – As Introduced February 17, 2017 – **SPONSOR**

Dear Assemblywoman Reyes:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to sponsor AB 1330, legislation that would authorize the County of San Bernardino to relocate Ayala Park to a more appropriate location improving public access and public health.

Ayala Park, which is located in the disadvantage unincorporated area of Bloomington and under the jurisdiction of the Bloomington Recreation and Park District (BRPD) is adjacent to Interstate 10 and surrounded by industrial properties. Last year, the BRPD distributed surveys focused on gathering direct input relative to the capacity of current facilities and programs offered by the BRPD, while identifying their future recreation needs for Ayala Park.

One of the most notable items from the survey data was the limiting factors for visiting the park, where 76 percent of youth households noted personal safety a major concern for them and 36 percent felt that there was a lack of facilities available to them. Numerous studies have shown that levels of pollution are much higher in close proximity to freeways, and are especially harmful to young children.

In response to the concerns raised by the residents, the County has identified a potential relocation area that would complement the new community library, better serve existing and new neighborhoods, and provide increased opportunities for physical activity through interconnected open space. BRPD utilized State Park Bond funds at Ayala Park to undertake minor building renovations. The Bond Fund contracts covenant the Park and restrict relocation without seeking approval of the State Legislature. The County is seeking the State Legislature to approve AB 1330 to allow relocation of the park to a more accessible and environmentally suitable site. AB 1330 would help enhance access to

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recreational opportunities, accommodate public health concerns, and improve the overall well-being of the residents in Bloomington by authorizing the County of San Bernardino to relocate Ayala Park to a more appropriate location

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to sponsor AB 1330. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

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Robert Lovingood
Board of Supervisors
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josie Gonzales".

Josie Gonzales
Board of Supervisors
Fifth District Supervisor

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation